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Session 7

BELIEF

BE SURE TO PUT YOUR FEET IN THE
RIGHT PLACE; THEN STAND FIRM.

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PREPARATION

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Some of the greatest accomplishments in human history have come, not because something was true, but because someone *believed* it was true. Every medical accomplishment was previously thought impossible until someone did it. Running a less than 4-minute mile was considered beyond human ability until Roger Bannister did it in 1954.

When we speak about belief and faith we often do it in strictly religious terms. We assume that belief is a concept that has to do with God and nothing else. In reality, belief is necessary for every part of our lives.

In the 17th Century The Virginia Company sought to raise funds to travel from England to the “New World.” They received a charter from King James I allowing people to buy a “share” of their company. This would benefit the investors if the company did well and would give The Virginia Company the capital it needed to make this voyage.

Now, you can’t really buy a “share” of a company so what are you buying? There is no tangible item yet people do this all the time. You are buying into an idea and a belief in what can be.

What we need to acknowledge is that no matter what your thoughts are about God, you already have beliefs. Beliefs bring meaning to our life and make life better in many ways. Everyone has beliefs.

1

What beliefs do you hold?

2

How do some of your beliefs make life better?

3

Like the example of the less than 4-minute mile, why do we assume something is impossible until we see it?

MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:22-24



Faith is not intellegent understand-
ing, faith is deliberate commitment
to a Person where I see no way.

Oswald Chambers

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GROUPS

BOTTOM LINE: SESSION 7

1

Life is better with a belief in eternity.

2

Christianity requires faith in a person which is why for anyone investigating Christianity, the first question that must be answered is "Who is Jesus?"

3

We don't have faith in something Jesus taught, we have faith in the fact that he died and rose from the grave.

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